

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

The Examiner stated that claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because they are directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The Examiner stated that claims 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention, appearing to be comprised of software alone without claiming associated computer hardware required for execution.

The claim has been amended and thus Applicant respectfully believes the rejection has been overcome.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

The Examiner stated that claims 1-6, 8-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalit (US 2002/0122391 A1) in view of Peon et al (US 7,133,665 B1).

The Examiner stated that claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalit (US 2002/0122391 A1) in view of Peon et al (US 7,133,665 B1), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Bieselin (US 5,559,875).

Applicant does not believe that Shalit teaches or discloses the elements in the previously submitted claims. For example, the configuring at least one component of a system related to supporting the at least one given conference call to connect the given conferee directly to the given conference call limitation is a direct connection as opposed to Shalit which discloses an alternate and non-direct interface for connection. However, purely in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant invention, Applicant has amended the independent claims to substantially include the following limitations: receiving data representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conferee, wherein the at least one unique identifier is a location from which the given conferee can initiate communications to access conferencing services. Support for such limitations can be found at least on page 8 of the instant invention.

Applicant does not believe that the cited art teaches or suggests such a limitation. As such, Applicant believes that independent claims, as well as the claims that depend from them, are in condition for allowance.

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